

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the telephone interview of March 22, 2006. During the interview, the *Park et al.* and *Anvekar et al.* references were discussed, as was claims 1, 31 and 35. It was agreed that neither *Park et al.* nor the cited portions of *Anvekar et al.* disclosed the features recited in claims 31 and 35, and that these claims would either be allowed or subject to a non-final rejection in the next action. It was also agreed that certain amendments to claim 1 would distinguish the claim over *Park et al.* Additionally, it was agreed that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph would be withdrawn, as the claim is supported by the specification.

Claims 1-3 and 26-38 remain pending in this application, and upon entry of the present amendment, claim 1 is amended. In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 26, 29 and 31-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Park, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,714,799); claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of *Park et al.*; claims 27-28 and 35-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of a combination of *Park et al.* and *Anvekar et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,684,072); and claims 30 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of a combination of *Park et al.*, *Link II, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,334,054) and *Haas et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,036). The

Office Action also rejected claim1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for allegedly claiming subject matter not described in the specification¹.

I. Claims 31-34

Beginning first with the most straightforward claim following the interview, it was agreed during the interview that claim 31 distinguishes over, and is not anticipated by, *Park et al.* For example, *Park et al.* fails to teach or suggest the recited “memory storing … a time period for permitting the operation.” *Park et al.* lacks such a memory, and does not anticipate claim 31. Claims 31-34 depend on claim 31, and are distinguishable for at least the same reasons as claim 31.

II. Claims 35-38

It was also agreed that *Park et al.*, and the cited portions of *Avenkar et al.*, also failed to teach or suggest the apparatus of claim 35, which recites, among other features, a controller configured to “set a future incoming call handling operation of said apparatus based on said controller-determined roaming status and a schedule stored in said one or more storage devices.” Claims 36-38 depend from claim 35, and are distinguishable for at least the same reasons as claim 35, and further in view of the various features recited therein.

¹ In view of the Examiner’s agreement to withdraw this rejection, it will not be discussed further herein.

III. Claims 1-3 and 26-30

As for independent claim 1, Applicant has amended the claim to recite the following (changes tracked):

a memory, said memory storing a table identifying an operation to be performed by the mobile communication apparatus corresponding to the first and second information, wherein said apparatus is configured to set an operation to be performed by the mobile communication apparatus stored in the table based on a comparison of said first and second information, and wherein said table identifies a plurality of networks and one or more different call handling operations for each of said plurality of networks.

Park et al. does not teach or suggest such a memory storing such a table. *Park et al.* relates to a system for using a CDMA cell phone, having a SIM card, in a CDMA service area. When the *Park et al.* user inserts a SIM card into his/her CDMA phone in a CDMA area, the phone first undergoes a password process with the user (col. 6, lines 24-33), and when the password process is completed, the phone retrieves information from the SIM card (col. 6, lines 33-38) and transmits it to the CDMA network (col. 6, lines 40-45). The phone then waits while the CDMA network consults with the user's GSM network for authorization, and if the GSM network authorizes the SIM card, the GSM network informs the CDMA network of this, and the CDMA network transmits verification data to the phone, indicating that the SIM card is valid (col. 7, lines 57-60). The SIM card, which is alleged to show the claimed memory, does not store a table that identifies a plurality of networks and one or more different call handling operations for each of the plurality of networks, as recited in amended claim 1. Instead, the *Park et al.* SIM card is just used in the CDMA network, and has no such table.

None of the other references teaches or suggests modifying *Park et al.* to overcome this deficiency, and accordingly, amended claim 1 is distinguishable. Claims 2-3 and 26-30 depend from claim 1, and are distinguishable for at least the same reasons as claim 1, and in view of other features recited therein.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if the Examiner believes that further discussion and/or amendment is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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